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Strike at the "Consolidated Industries" Fed. Inc., U.S.A. 111 Great Western Road, S.C.C.P.B.

D.S.I. Goloobkoff C.I.

Officer i/c District.

Sir,

At 9.20 a.m. 14-12-40, Mr. I. Gutman, Chief Engineer of the Consolidated Industries, Fed. Inc., U.S.A., 111 Great Western Road came to the station and reported that the workers at the above company went on strike.

According to Mr. J. Gutman the premises at the above address are occupied by the workshops of several American machine tools manufacturing companies, operated under the general name of the "Consolidated Industries".

On 10-12-40, the workers, about 400 in number presented demands for increase of wages. On 13-12-40 the management agreed to grant an increase of $6.00 a month to each worker. This did not satisfy the workers and at 5 a.m. 14-12-40 the night shift, about 100 workers in number refused to leave the premises and would not allow anyone to enter the same. Mr. I. Gutman requested the Police assistance to clear the premises, as the workers might damage the machinery.

The above premises are situated in Chinese Territory with the entrance from a lane leading to Tsang Ka Zah Village.

In view of the above Mr. I. Gutman, on instructions of D. O. "B" was referred to the S.C.C.P.B.

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STRIKE AT THE CONSOLIDATED INDUSTRIES LTD., 111, GREAT WESTERN ROAD.

At 7.30p.m. on the 4/9/40 a telephone message was received from the Consolidated Industries Ltd., 111, Great Western road to the effect that a strike was in progress and trouble anticipated. S.J. Wilcox, D.S.I. Hide and party attended and found the situation quiet on arrival.

Enquiries elicited that three mechanics named S Nyi Tsai (史銳材, Tsang Hong Sing (張鴻興 and Bing Hong Chang (平洪祥 failed to return to work at 1.00 p.m. after the tiffin hour on the 3/9/40.

At 7.30a.m. on the 4/9/40 S Nyi Tsai reported for work in the usual manner but Mr. I. Gutman, the Chief Engineer, refused to admit him and informed him that three absentees were dismissed. This resulted in some 180 male employees of the Machine Tools Dept. ceasing work and demanding the reinstatement of the three workers.

The dispute continued until the manager Mr. S. Jedeikin arrived at 8.15a.m. and promised to reinstate the three employees. This failed to satisfy the employees who then put forward demands for an increase in pay and rice allowance. The manager replied to the effect that no further increases could be granted

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and that any person who wished to resign could do so.

At 1.30p.m., in response to a telephone call, Mr. Koo of the Industrial Section attended the factory and was successful in inducing the strikers to resume work at about 5.00p.m. on the understanding that enquiries were to be made as to the rates of pay in similar firms and any difference adjusted. However, the day shift workers left at about 6.30p.m. instead of 7.00p.m. and it is stated by the management that they prevented the majority of the 80 night shift workers from entering the premises. About twenty such workers were on the premises when the Police party arrived.

The Chinese No.1 Wong Kyung Poh (黃金福) and four foremen Yang S Sung (楊世鏞) Sung Yoong Ling (沈永林), Sung Wei Chong (孫偉昌) and Koo Ching Poh (胡慶甫) stated that the strike was not premeditated and that there were no definite leaders or agitators. However, they stated that it appeared that S Nyi Tsai and one Hsu Ching Huh (徐清和) were instrumental in bringing matters to a head.

So far as could be ascertained the remaining 350 day shift workers of other departments are not affected by the strike.

Special Branch informed.

John Leighton
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REPORT ON STRIKE

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Division 'B'

Station B'Well

September 4th., 1940.

Time and date reported 7.15p.m. Time and date S.B. informed 9.15p.m.

Time and date strike commenced 8.00a.m. 4/9/40.

By whom reported Mr. S. Jedeikin. Manager.

Trade or profession of strikers General Mechanics.

Number of strikers 250 Male 250 Female - Apprentices -

Employer's name, address and business Consolidated Industries Ltd., 111 Gt. Western Road.

Union to which strikers belong Not known.

Cause of strike and demands made by strikers Dismissal of three employees and demands by others for their reinstatement.

When did discontent amongst strikers first commence

What action (if any) did employers take to remedy cause of discontent prior to commencement of strike Offered reinstatement of three employees involved.

What action (if any) have the employers taken to meet the demands of the strikers Informed the Industrial Section.

Names and addresses of strike leaders See attached report.

Has the strike or its cause any political inspiration Not known.

Meeting places of strikers Not known.

Number of persons arrested for offences arising out of strike Nil.

Particulars of literature (if any) circulated relative to strike Nil.

Name and address of printer of such circulars ---

Precautions taken by Police ---

Investigating Officer D.S.I. Hide.

Subsequent reports on the same strike should be submitted on the Report Forms for general use.

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April 4, 40.

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LABOUR UNREST AT THE CONSOLIDATED INDUSTRIES CO., FED: INC., U.S.A. 111-113 GREAT WESTERN ROAD, O.O.L.

At 7.00 p.m. 4-4-40, a telephone message was received from the management of the above concern reporting labour unrest.

D.S.Till and C.D.S.163 and C.D.C.328 immediately attended, ascertaining upon arrival that Sergeant Eatwell, East Surrey Regiment i/c of a Party, were already in attendance, it being learned that they were called to the factory by the manager Mr. S.Jedeikin, Latvian, from west Post, at the intersection of Great Western and Edinburgh Roads, a few minutes before the arrival of detectives.

Sergeant Eatwell stated, that when Mr. Jedeikin came to the Post he stated that the workers were in a troublesome mood and that possible damage to the plant was imminent. This assumption, however, proved to be incorrect.

It was learned from the manager, that the factory employs a complement of 300 male Chinese workers, 250 on day shift, and 50 on night shift. The unrest was confined to the Machine Tool Dept, affecting approximately 150 workers.

Enquiries revealed, that prior to the Easter Holidays, the workers in this Dept. approached the management and requested a days holiday on Good Friday

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The day-shift workers resumed work as usual this a.m.
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